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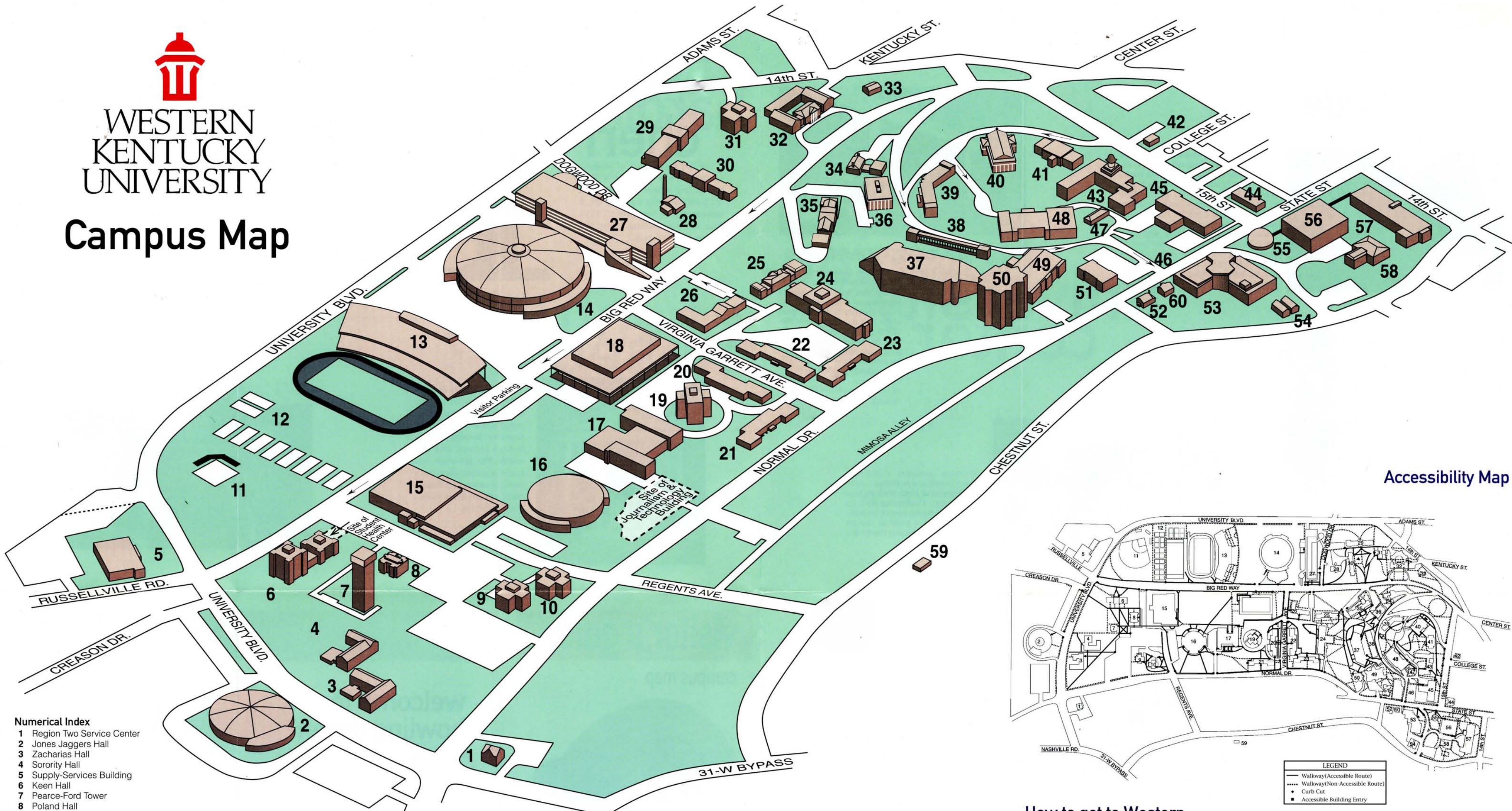
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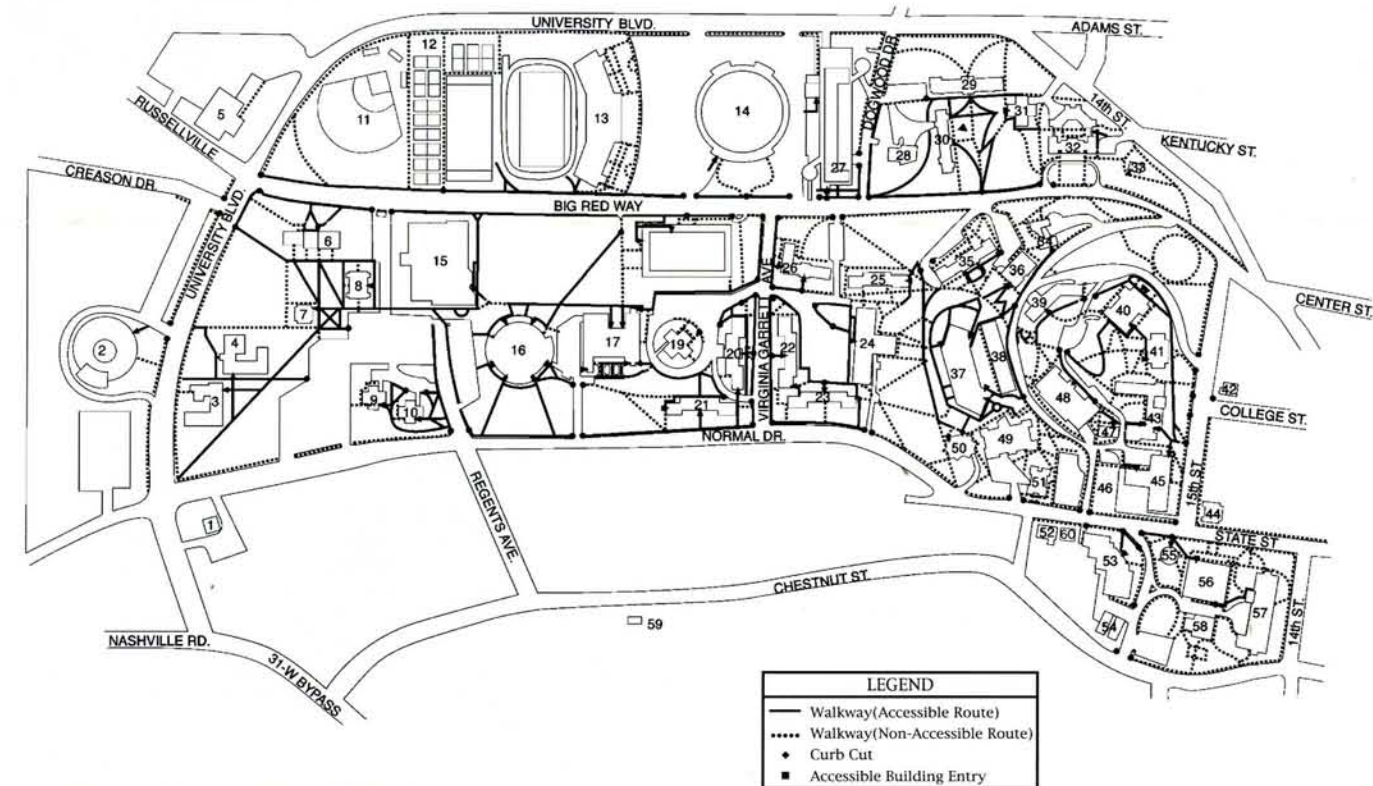
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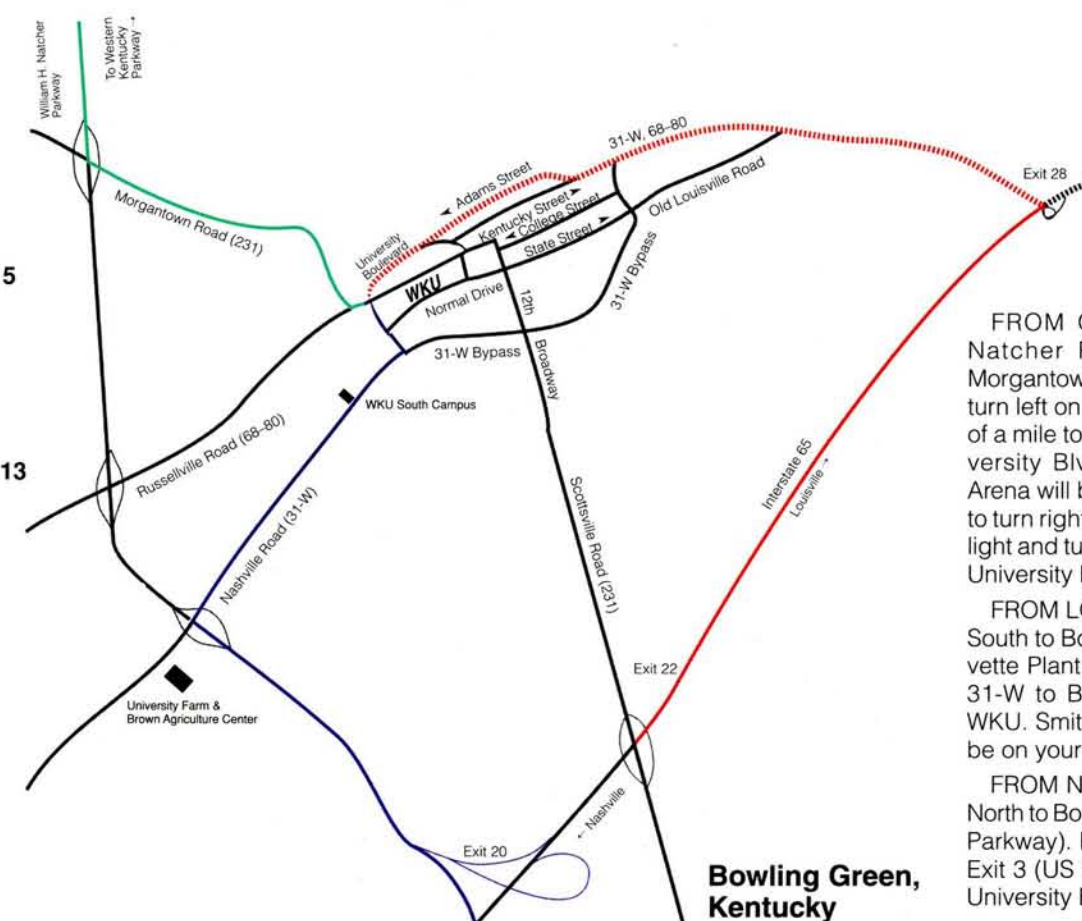
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Accessibility Map



How to get to Western



FROM OWENSBORO TO WKU: Exit Natcher Parkway on US 231. Follow Morgantown Rd. to Russellville Rd. (3 miles), turn left on Russellville Rd., travel about 2/3 of a mile to University Blvd., turn left on University Blvd. Smith Stadium and Diddle Arena will be on your right. An alternative is to turn right on University Blvd., travel to first light and turn left at corner of Normal Dr. and University Blvd.

FROM LOUISVILLE TO WKU: Follow I-65 South to Bowling Green. Use Exit 28 at Corvette Plant, use connector road to 68-80 & 31-W to Bowling Green. Follow 68-80 to WKU. Smith Stadium and Diddle Arena will be on your left.

FROM NASHVILLE TO WKU: Follow I-65 North to Bowling Green. Use Exit 20 (Natcher Parkway). Follow Natcher Parkway north to Exit 3 (US 31-W). Turn right on US 31-W to University Blvd.

Bowling Green,
Kentucky

colonnade



This outdoor amphitheater was Western's original football stadium. Although some additions have been made, the original lighting is still in place. Students no longer gather on the bleachers to watch football games, but the stadium is still frequently used for concerts and sometimes on sunny days for classes.

Ivan Wilson Center of Fine Arts (FAC) was built on the actual site of the football field. Inside FAC can be found classes studying art, music, theatre, the humanities, modern languages, folk studies, and communications.

potter hall

Potter Hall is one of the most popular buildings on campus. Potter Hall was built in 1921 and originally used as a women's dormitory. However, after remodeling in 1994, it is used as a center point for students' needs. In Potter Hall you can find: Office of Admissions, Office of the Registrar, Housing Office, Student Financial Assistance, Auxiliary Services, Residential Life Services, Dean of Student Life, Counseling Service Center, and Minority Student Support Services.



downing university center

Downing University Center (DUC) is the student center. Within this building students have access to the food court, movie theater, bookstore, post office, and meeting rooms. The fourth floor of DUC is also available to students for bowling, ping pong, playing pool or relaxing in front of the big screen TV. The availability of three ATM machines and a check cashing service make banking at DUC convenient.

preston center



Western students enjoy the Preston Health and Activities Center which opened in 1992. With six basketball courts, a swimming pool, an indoor track, tennis courts, an aerobic studio and a state-of-the-art weight room, the Preston Center is a popular place to go!

cherry

The last major work of sculptor Larado Taft was the statue of H. H. Cherry. It is located directly in front of Cherry Hall at the top of the hill. It was unveiled on November 16, 1937. Soon after its unveiling, Cherry Hall was opened for classes.



alumni

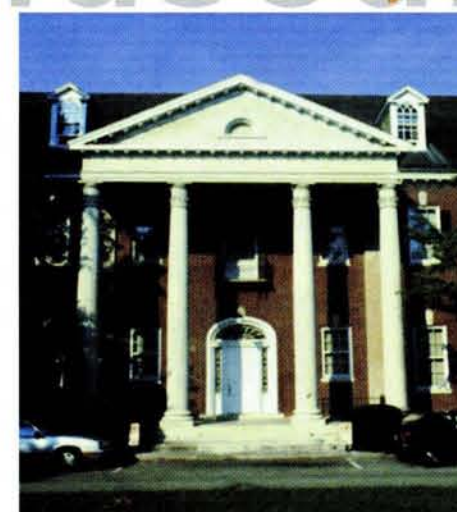
Various facilities on the WKU campus are included on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1909, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State Normal School employed Brinton B. Davis as building architect and Henry Wright as landscape architect. That same year Davis and Wright drew the master plan for the campus. Although few features of the plan are adopted as drawn, the concept of clustering the principal structures around the summit of College Hill did survive and three of the structures (Cherry Hall, Van Meter Hall, and Gordon Wilson Hall) were built in roughly the same location in much the same form as in the 1909 plan.

- Approximately 70,000 degrees have been granted in a wide variety of fields.
- 52 alumni clubs have been established in the U.S.
- There are Western graduates in all 50 states as well as 868 in other countries.
- Western alumni include Dr. Frank Etschorn, the inventor of the nicotine patch, NASA space shuttle pilot Terry Wilcuff, former NBC president Julian Goodman, gospel music star Larnelle Harris, and Lt. Governor Stephen L. Henry
- Sixteen former students from the Department of Journalism won or helped to win Pulitzer Prizes for newspapers in the U.S.



kentucky museum



Since opening its doors in 1939, the Museum has collected, preserved and interpreted artifacts from across Kentucky. Exciting exhibits include history, arts and crafts. The Museum also houses a unique store which carries a variety of Kentucky crafts and gift items related to the collection.

numbers to know at western

(Area Code 270)	
Admissions	745-2551
Alumni Affairs	745-4395
Bookstore	745-2466
Campus Operator	745-0111
Campus Police	745-2548
Career Services Center	745-2691
College Heights Foundation	745-4597
College Heights Herald	745-2655
Food Service Information	745-2416
Garrett Conference Center	745-3357
Graduate Studies	745-2466
Hilltopper Athletic Foundation	745-5321
Honors Program	745-2081
I.D. Center	745-2417
D.U.C. Information Desk	745-2456
Inter-Fraternity Council	745-2060
Panhellenic Office	745-2020
Post Office	745-3093
President's Office	745-4346
Preston Health & Activities Center	745-5217
Public Affairs	745-5428
Registrar	745-3351
Residence Life (Housing)	745-2037
Special Events	745-2497
Student Financial Assistance	745-2755
Student Health Center	745-5641
Student Escort Services	745-3333
Student Government Association	745-4354
Student Telephone Services	745-5466
Ticket Office	745-5222
WKU Foundation	745-6208

extended campus

Elizabethtown Center	942-8381
Glasgow Campus	651-6399
Owensboro Center	684-9797
Other Areas	745-5305

cyberspace

Meet Western on its home page on the Internet. See the campus and experience the Western Spirit at:

<http://www.wku.edu>
or email us at western@wku.edu



come see for yourself

We would like you to learn more about our campus, our academic programs and the special life you'll find here on the Hill.

You are invited to join us for a guided campus tour (given most weekdays excluding University holidays). Tours include an informational session, campus tour, and upon request, an appointment with a faculty member in the academic area of your choice. Reservations in advance of your tour are necessary in order for us to provide you with directions, parking information, and tour times. Please call or write at least a week in advance to schedule your campus visit.

Office of Admissions
Western Kentucky University
1 Big Red Way
Bowling Green, KY 42101-3576
270-745-2551
admission@wku.edu

enrollment

- More than 15,000
- Student:faculty ratio 19 to 1
- 60% women
- 32% of full-time enrollment is 25 years of age or older
- Approximately 2200-2500 graduate annually
- Elementary Education, Psychology, Nursing, and Agriculture are the most popular majors
- Students enrolled from 114 counties, 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, 46 countries—China and Kuwait most heavily represented.

budgeting

Information on loans, grants, scholarships, and student employment, is available from:

Office of Student Financial Assistance
Western Kentucky University
1 Big Red Way
Bowling Green, KY 42101-3576
(270) 745-2755

hilltoppers

Western Kentucky University's campus is built on a hill that rises 232 feet above nearby Barren River and the comparatively level plain that surrounds it. It was only natural that the young athletes who represent Western should come to be known as the "Hilltoppers."



meet big red

On December 1, 1979, at a men's basketball game, Santa Claus greeted former Coach Gene Keady at center court with a big box. It was on this day that Western adopted Big Red to be its cheerful ambassador. Six feet tall, four feet wide, and made of red fur, this lovable high spirited creature represents the pride of Western.



red towel tradition

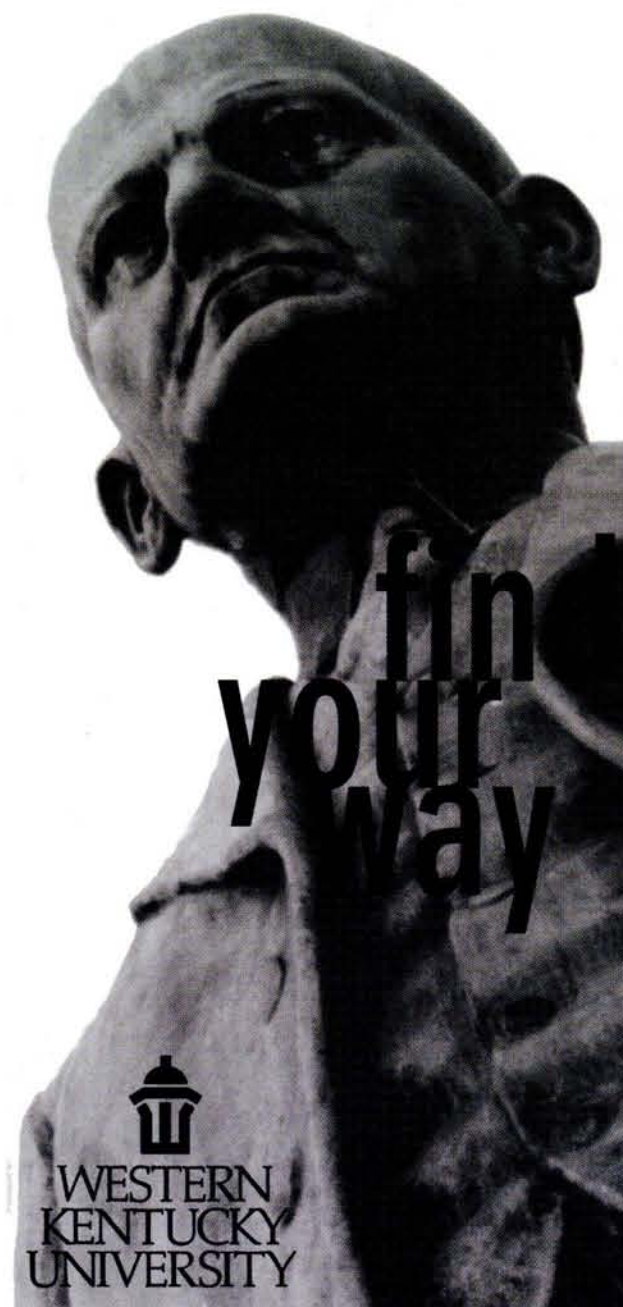
Western fans wave red towels to cheer the Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers to victory. This tradition began with legendary coach E.A. Diddle, who twisted, waved and threw a red towel, while directing 42 years of Hilltopper basketball and accumulating 759 victories.

parking on the hill

When visiting Western, be sure to stop at the campus police office in the parking structure and pick up a visitors parking pass. The office is located adjacent to Diddle Arena. Visitor parking is located on Big Red Way at the Downing University Center.

visitor's guide

campus map



welcome to bowling green

The Community: 110 miles south of Louisville and 60 miles north of Nashville, it represents the core of industry, healthcare, business and trade in the 10-county area.

Population: 48,300 in Bowling Green; 82,000 in Warren County.

Cultural Events: The Capitol Arts Center attracts top touring plays as well as individual artists, art exhibits and competitions.

Churches: About 30 denominations are represented in more than 150 churches in Bowling Green and Warren County. Some denominations offer affiliated student centers for those attending WKU.

Accommodations: 35 motels, including major chains.

colleges

Western provides 150 programs of study for undergraduates with 89 academic majors, 72 academic minors, and 19 associate degree programs.

- Gordon Ford College of Business
- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health
- Potter College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

viewing campus

Western's main campus consists of 200 acres and 53 buildings crowning a commanding hilltop. The University farm, on U.S. 31-W South, encompasses more than 700 acres of crops, pastureland, livestock facilities, and a 2000-seat exposition center. Western also has three extended campuses—Glasgow, Elizabethtown/Ft. Knox, and Owensboro.

western from the beginning

Western has been an educational leader since its beginning. Its roots come from the Southern Normal School of Bowling Green, and Western has been broadening horizons throughout the region since its founding in 1906.

The school's first president, Henry Hardin Cherry, expressed a theme for Western's educational commitment that is a constant inspiration to faculty, students and alumni: "The Spirit Makes The Master."

Western grew in distinction with each decade. The institution changed locations, acquired other schools and became a teacher's college by 1922. In 1948, Western was elevated to Western Kentucky State College by the Kentucky General Assembly. Acquiring Bowling Green Business University, Western achieved university status in 1966.

As a university, Western has provided educational opportunities to more than 70,000 alumni who proudly call WKU "the home of the Hilltoppers."

Western's campus crowns a hill overlooking the city of Bowling Green and is proclaimed as one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation.